

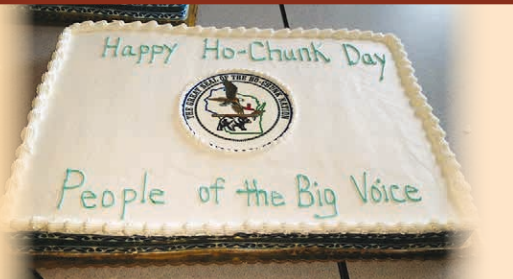


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A Message to the Hoocak People



The fight for our traditional and cultural land in Sauk Co. has come to a close. The former munitions plant which reached its peak of productivity during World War II was deemed “surplus” in the late 90’s, marking the beginning of the Ho-Chunk Nation’s effort to reclaim what was rightfully ours.

A provision within the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) will transfer 1,553 acres, formerly the Badger Army Ammunition Plant, to the Ho-Chunk Nation. This land was a place where we have lived, gathered, hunted, fasted, picked medicines, farmed, and held our sacred ceremonies.

For many, this has been an exhaustively bureaucratic, legal, and political endeavor, but it will prove over time worth every investment, especially as this land heals herself. This land has been returned to the Ho-Chunk People, who now have a strong sovereign government in place with an inherent oath to preserve and protect all that the Creator has blessed us during our time on this earth.

“We owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to Senator Baldwin and her office for their unrelenting determination to see this transfer take place,” said President Greendeer. “She was able to see this matter beyond a political victory or triumph over bureaucracy but as a restoration of cultural value for the Ho-Chunk people.”

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Our Nation needs to protect Grandmother Earth

I have strived to do what I can to protect the land and since frac sand mine invasion my anxiety and concern has increased. I am a member of the “People of the Big Voice” or “Voice of the Real People” and wonder why our tribal voice has become so faint it is almost silent about environment matters. How can this be in an era of extreme resource extraction and global climate change? Why are we silent as our population is sickened by industrial foods and unhealthy lifestyles? How can we be silent when dangerous silica dust from frac sand mines fill the lungs of our elders and children? How can we not be enraged when this sand is used to destroy other commu-

nities where fracking for oil and gas are taking place. Fort Berthold is being decimated by the greedy fossil fuel corporations right now and likely our sand is part of the deadly fracking mix being pumped under their lands. Why aren’t we righteously angry as we observe Grandmother Earth torn to shreds for the profit of the few?

Are we afraid to stand up for what is right? This may be the reason as we have been colonized and assimilated for centuries. We have picked up the pieces of our culture and moved forward to preserve our dignity and future in the best way we could find.

It is a comfort to know that we can enjoy profits from our

gaming and other enterprises but at what cost? Will we be secure when our water is either polluted or gone entirely? Will we be satisfied when the current food and energy system reaches a crisis, as it surely will, and we find ourselves hungry and isolated? Will we have communities and family ties if we neglect to spend adequate time with each other on the land engaging in skills that we have known for generations?

I believe it is time to rethink our present and future. It is a great honor to be the heir of timeless knowledge and skills. I honor the elders that taught me all that I know. Shall we not keep their memory alive by keeping their skills

and stories alive? I say these things are the gifts that will enable our people to be resilient in the coming stressful times.

Right now the Ho-Chunk Nation has agreed to be part of a Health Impact Assessment of frac sand mining. This assessment will give people the ability to testify about how frac sand mines have affected them and their families. I encourage everyone to be a part of this important testimony about the destruction of Grandmother Earth and our communities.

In order to care for Grandmother Earth and all the gifts of food and medicine, we should hold land and engage in multi-native plant cropping

methods. We should invite all that are willing to stand for what is right to engage in teaching, growing and warrior activities. We should find ways to keep the water, land and air pure. I dream that we will regain our health and self-reliance again proving a much needed alternative to the destruction of Grandmother Earth which can be seen everywhere in the world. Lets stand with our other native sisters and brothers all over this planet that are willing to sacrifice themselves in defense of all that is sacred. What sort of world will we be living in if we don’t?

All my Relations,
William Greendeer

Technology dependency

Submitted by Elizabeth Shegonee

When someone mentions technology dependency, my first thought is cell phones. But when you really think about it, we are all dependent on a wide variety of technology in our everyday lives, more so now than we ever were before. Be honest. When was the last time you spent time with family or friends without checking your email, texting, using Facebook or Snapchat while together? Do you constantly find yourself saying “Just a minute” or even “I’m too busy right now” to the ones you care about instead of focusing on what they have to say? It has come to the point where not much of anything is done without some use of technological innovations. We are all dependent on some type of technology, whether it be our vehicles, cell phones, medical devices, GPS, schooling, social media, email, clocks, or even as simple as electricity itself. As a matter of fact, if it wasn’t for the discovery of what electricity could do in 1752, we wouldn’t have most of the technological advances we do now. As Albert Einstein once said “I fear technology will surpass our human interaction. The world will have a generation of idiots.” Good or bad, dependency on technology is most certainly not only the future to come but who we are today, whether we like it or not.

As strange as it sounds, some people believe computers will rule the world and take over the human race. Now I’m sure one of the main reasons as to thinking this comes from watching movies like “I Robot”, “The Matrix” or “The Terminator” too much. But honestly, I don’t believe technology will go to as far of an extent as that. Yes, when you think deeply about it, in some ways technology is ruling the world as we speak, but we are still in control of our lives and what we decide to do with them. You get my point; People will always

believe what they want to as long as our innovations keep progressing from their origin.

As defined in Merriam-Webster’s Dictionary; Technology is the application of knowledge to the practical aims of human life or to changing and manipulating the human environment. Technology includes the use of materials, tools, techniques, and sources of power to make life easier or more pleasant and work more productive. Whereas science is concerned with how and why things happen, technology focuses on making things happen. It accelerated with the Industrial Revolution and the substitution of machines for animal and human labor. Also, as defined in Merriam-Webster’s Dictionary; Dependency is the quality of being dependent on something or someone else. It is also described as an area that is controlled by a country but that is not formally apart of it. When you combine the words technology and dependency, it creates another world of meaning, a realm some would say. When you are dependent on technology, you become lost within it. These days, dependencies on technological advances are so broad and common that you might not even notice when you are cast under their spell.

Today, technology surrounds our world. We can’t simply look at our surroundings without witnessing some type of technological innovation. Well, unless of course we’re in the woods, but even then sometimes our devices interrupt our presence with nature. Almost everywhere your eyes can gaze, there is someone lost in some type of modern technology. Modern technology not only isolates humans with one another, but creates laziness. Current examples include; driving a smart car instead of riding a bike or walking; using a tablet instead of pen and paper; using their cell phone to contact others instead of taking the time to talk face to face; following directions on GPS

instead of looking at a map; researching on Google instead of going to your local library, and many more. When you think about how consumed in our devices we actually are, it’s kind of sad. A recent study by Pew Research Center’s Internet and American Life project found that the majority of Americans (56%) own a smart phone, 5% have mobile phones that aren’t smart phones and only 9% owning no cell phone at all. And if you’re having trouble using your tech devices, they offer classes to teach you how to use them. Crazy, isn’t it?

Tyler Durden once said “The things you own will end up owning you.” Wouldn’t you agree with me that this couldn’t be truer? Haven’t you noticed that our phones, computers, tablets and other high tech devices have become not just a primary object, but for many a best friend? Have you ever suffered from anxiety if you lose your phone, even if it’s only for a few minutes? I know I have. I actually prefer my phone not be more than 5 feet away from me at all times. I know, it’s bad, but I am guilty as charged. Did you know there is now a name for the rush of anxiety and fear you feel once you realize you are disconnected from those important to you, the fear of being without your phone? This term is called Nomo- Phobia. According to a poll by SecurEnvoy, 70% of women have phone separation anxiety, as opposed to 61% of men. When participants were asked how they feel when they misplaced their phone, 73% admitted to feeling panicked, 14% desperate, 7% sick, and only 6% relieved. Surprisingly, America isn’t the only country with this problem. According to research from Versapak, 41% of Britons feel anxious and not in control when detached from their smart phone or tablet too; and 51% admitted to suffering from “extreme tech anxiety” at one time or another. Leon Edwards of Versapak

stated: “Being disconnected from technology is surprisingly stressful. There’s often a feeling of missing out, as we worry about what’s going on . . . without our knowledge.”

Growing up, I’ve felt the pain of being without my most prized possessions, but nothing like how it is today. I actually preferred to go outside and play with my friends. Those were simpler times, times where the only kind of envy I had was of that new box of crayons with the sharpener built-in that Kc got and I didn’t. My Barbies, coloring books, chalk and jump rope were my most prized possessions growing up. And as far as envy goes for when I was a child, it wasn’t about whose got the hottest iPhone, biggest HDTV, or even anything to do with the internet. As far as I was concerned, staring at a screen indoors for an hour was a waste of time when you could go outside and make an awesome fort with your friends. When it comes to differences in schooling; in elementary and middle school we had to get all of our information from doing research in the library. That meant searching for books high and low and flipping through hundreds of pages searching for answers to my questions. Whereas children in school today have it easy because they can just use Google for answers, their homework is cake in comparison to the amount of physical labor I had to do to complete my assignments. Most schools don’t even write on paper or read books anymore, they write on tablets and have computers read to them. Now how ridiculously lazy is that?

Although technological advances can be helpful in many ways, they can also be destructive to not only ourselves but the ones closest to us too. In this world, anything can be abused. Moderation is key. If you can handle using technological devices in moderation without letting them ruin your life or of the lives of those around you, then bravo. But

if you are one of those who simply can’t imagine your life without your devices, maybe it’s time to take some time to unplug and participate in a digital detox. You’ll be surprised how invigorating it can be to see the world for what it really is without your “normal” interruptions. I encourage not just a couple of you, but all of you, to refocus on setting time aside to get back to what’s really important. As Ferris Bueller once said “Life moves pretty fast, if you don’t stop and look around, you might miss something.”

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IHS/Nike sign agreement to promote healthy lifestyles

Submitted by Indian Health Service

The Indian Health Service (IHS) recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Nike USA, Inc., to collaborate on the promotion of healthy lifestyle choices for American Indians and Alaska Natives. The goal is to use the strengths and expertise of both organizations to improve and enhance the health and fitness of American Indians and Alaska Natives across the nation.



American Indian and Alaska Native people suffer health problems at rates that are significantly higher than the general U.S. population. Obesity prevalence in Native youth is about twice that of the general youth population, which is of particular concern given the possible life-long health effects. One focus area for this

collaboration will be on supporting and promoting physical activity programs among Native youth before, during, and after the school day.

“Regular physical activity and healthy food choices contribute to better health by reducing obesity and the many chronic conditions associated with it, including diabetes and heart disease,” said Dr. Yvette Roubideaux, acting IHS director.

“This partnership will serve American Indian and Alaska Native communities by expanding the information available on the importance of physical activity and healthy lifestyle choices.”

This MOU continues a partnership between the IHS and Nike that started over 10 years ago, when they initially began to identify opportunities to work together to inform and educate Native communities about healthy lifestyles and choices. In the last decade, the partnership has made great progress in encouraging American Indians and Alaska Natives to take charge of their health with innovative exercise and nutrition programs.

“N7 is Nike’s long-time commitment and mission to inspire and enable two million

Native American and Aboriginal youth in North America to participate in sport and physical activity,” said Sam McCracken, general manager of Nike N7. “We are proud of Nike’s unique partnership with IHS and our shared commitment to unleash the potential of American Indian and Alaskan Native communities through the power of movement.”

With this new MOU, the IHS and Nike are now focusing on new ways to motivate and inspire American Indians and Alaska Natives of all ages to continue on the path to a healthier future.

The IHS, an agency in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, provides a comprehensive health service delivery system for approximately 2.2 million




American Indians and Alaska Natives.

N7- After nearly a decade of partnership with tribes across North America to support programs aimed at physically active lifestyles,

Nike deepened its connection to the Native American community in 2007 with the launch of N7 and the N7 Fund, which began in 2009

and has raised more than \$3 million for Native American and Aboriginal youth sport programs. Nike N7 and the N7 Fund are aligned with Designed to Move, a growing community of public, private and civil sector organizations (including Nike) dedicated to ending the growing epidemic of physical inactivity.


Freedom FROM SMOKING

Smoking Cessation Classes Black River Falls

Day	Time	Location
Weds. January 7th	2:00-4:00pm	Ho-Chunk Health Care Center
Weds. January 14th	2:00-4:00pm	Ho-Chunk Health Care Center
Weds. January 21st	2:00-4:00pm	Ho-Chunk Health Care Center
Weds. January 28th	2:00-4:00pm	Ho-Chunk Health Care Center
Fri. January 30th	2:00-4:00pm	Ho-Chunk Health Care Center
Weds. February 4th	2:00-4:00pm	Ho-Chunk Health Care Center
Weds. February 11th	2:00-4:00pm	Ho-Chunk Health Care Center
Weds. February 18th	2:00-4:00pm	Ho-Chunk Health Care Center

Freedom from Smoking provides education and support in a small group setting to help you quit smoking. There is potential for employees of the Ho-Chunk Nation to be given two hours of paid administrative leave per week to attend classes with supervisor approval (see Executive Order 07-24-12). There is no cost to attend.


If interested or to register, please contact:

Holly Rodenberg at 715-284-9851, ext. 5330

Correction: Issue #21 November 14, 2014, Head Start Students celebrate Halloween

Paragraph six should read: The youth from the Head Start program said their daily prayer in Ho-Chunk. (Angelica Greendeer, Language Division, did not offer a prayer in Ho-Chunk and English languages before the event meal.)

Attention: The Next Deadline of the Hocak Worak will be Dec. 19th which will be published on Dec. 30th. Please contact Enrollment at ext. 1015 if you have a change of address or would like to be placed on the mailing list.



HO-CHUNK NATION Department of Health

Ho-Chunk Health Care Center

Community Health Nursing

December 5, 2014

Ho-Chunk Community Health Nursing is offering incentives to families meeting immunization recommendations for children 0-18 years of age. A twenty dollar (\$20) gas voucher will be given to families for each child completing the recommended immunizations.

Our team cares for your children’s overall health and well-being. We practice preventative medicine through timely administration of immunizations and follow recommended schedules set by the American Academy of Pediatrics, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP).

Immunization history may be entered into the Wisconsin Immunization Registry (WIR) by your provider. You can obtain a copy of your child’s immunization records by visiting the following website: <https://www.dhswir.org/PR/clientSearch.do?language=en> and inputting your child’s information. Records can also be requested from your local Health Office.

Once the recommended immunizations are completed, you will receive your \$20 gas voucher per child.

Please contact your local Ho-Chunk Nation Health office to schedule an appointment for your child to receive the necessary immunizations.

House of Wellness: 888-552-7889
La Crosse Health Office: 608-784-3083
Nekoosa Health Office: 715-886-5444

Ho-Chunk Health Center: 888-685-4422
Tomah Health Office: 608-372-5816
Wittenberg Health Office: 715-253-2382

Thank you for allowing us the continued privilege of assisting you in enhancing your health.

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Census of Ho-Chunk members being planned for 2015

Ken Luchterhand
Staff Writer

Let the counting begin.
Well, not quite yet, but it's coming.
The Ho-Chunk Nation is preparing to conduct a census, which will take place in 2015 and will involve every man, woman and child in the Nation.

"Often we talk about the needs of the Ho-Chunk members, such as housing, yet we have no numbers to back up the claims," said Ho-Chunk Nation Planning Division Director Carol Garvin. "Real data gathered in the census will be used to know what the needs of the Nation are."

The information will be good for 10 years, Garvin said, and it will help Nation departments using statistics to address needs, required when applying for grants.

The last time a specific census of Ho-Chunk members was completed was in 1994-1995.

"In preparation for the census, a meeting will held with Ho-Chunk Nation departments and branches of government to ask what their questions are for the survey," Garvin said.

By gathering questions ahead of time, the questions could be revised to be concise

and avoid duplicate questions.
"The Legislative and Executive branches will be working collaboratively to ensure that, through the census, membership needs are identified," Garvin said.

Means of collecting the data from Ho-Chunk membership include census workers going door-to-door, by phone, by mail and by Internet.

The project is being headed by the Ho-Chunk Nation Planning Department, with Angie Greengrass-McDonald as the project lead and primary contact.

The actual gathering of the information will be conducted by an outside firm. The firm was selected by the mandatory three-bid process within the Finance Manual, Garvin said.

The census will differ from the U.S. Census in the fact that data is primarily collected on Ho-Chunk individuals, not households. The names of the individuals will be collected through the Ho-Chunk Nation Enrollment Department.

"The budget for the project is close to being finalized," Garvin said. "We're still working on a budget."

The goal is to survey all adults and to include Ho-Chunk children, she said.



The Ho-Chunk Nation Planning Department is planning to take a census of all Ho-Chunk members in 2015. Members of the Planning Department helping to make it possible are Pine Giroux, Angie Greengrass-McDonald and Heather Rebedew. Greengrass-McDonald is holding a report of the last Ho-Chunk census, which was conducted in 1994-95.

LED bulbs installed for energy savings, longer life and better light

Ken Luchterhand
Staff Writer

By the looks of it, the Ho-Chunk Nation is going green.

To save energy, save money and brighten everyone's day, the Maintenance Department at the Tribal Office Building has replaced every fluorescent tube with new, cost-saving LED bulbs.

"The idea started a while ago, back when Maynard (Rave) was Maintenance director," said Brian Mijal, certified electrician for the Ho-Chunk Nation.

That would have been a good idea back then, but only recently have the LED tubes become available from Philips, an electrical component manufacturer.

The new LED bulbs by Philips allows replacing of the bulbs, Instead of replacing the light fixtures with other LED bulb manufacturers. This saves a considerable amount of money.

"The lighting is much brighter and the colors are much better with the LED bulbs," Mijal said. "The fluorescent bulbs gave more of a yellow hue to everything."

Roger Youngthunder of Maintenance Department

replaced all the bulbs in the Tribal Office Building.

The cost savings come from the fact the new LED bulbs take less electricity, last at least 10 years and don't require as frequent replacement, therefore less labor costs, no disposal fee for fluorescent bulbs.

"We figured, with the cost savings, it should take four years to recover the amount of money it cost to purchase them," Majjal said. "If they last 10 years, that means we get six free years out of them."

The LED light bulbs were purchased through Werner Electric Supply, which has a number of business locations throughout the state. The purchase went through the mandatory three-bid process.

"For the amount of LEDs we bought, we got a good price," Majjal said.

The changeover went one step further, converting all the outside lighting as well. The overhead lighting in the parking lot was converted from the mercury-vapor to the new LED lighting, along with the walkway lighting along the sidewalks.

In the past, when they

changed one of the 13 overhead parking lot lights, they would change all of them at the same time because, if one or two of the bulbs have burned out, the rest won't be far behind. And if they have to rent a lift to reach the light, there would be added cost to rent the lift for each bulb replacement.

But now, by replacing them with LED bulbs, the task won't need to be done for another 10 years or more.

The initial cost of all the bulbs was \$25,410. Actual saving figures aren't available yet, but projected savings are \$6,150 per year and \$40,573 over the lifetime of the bulbs. This figure includes the usual replacement costs of fluorescent bulbs of \$1,557.

Also, Werner contacted Jackson Electric Co-op and learned the lighting change was eligible for a lump sum rebate of \$11,088, thereby reducing the costs even further.

Beyond cost savings, the changeover will be better for the environment. The use of the LEDs will save carbon dioxide, sulfur dioxide nitrogen oxide and mercury to the equivalent of taking 11 cars off the roadways.



Roger Youngthunder of the Ho-Chunk Nation Maintenance Department replaces a fluorescent bulb with a LED bulb at the Executive Building.

Milwaukee Youth get crafty this holiday season

Kathleen Roberts
Staff Writer

The holiday season is bringing out the creativity and generosity of the Milwaukee area youth.

With the idea and inspiration of the Milwaukee Branch Office Manager Cheri Byhre, the kids had the opportunity to make their own blankets.

When Byhre’s own children were involved in sports, she had made special blankets with their team logos on them. She mentioned this do-it-yourself project to Youth Coordinator Alexandria Lange, who liked the idea and moved ahead with it.

“I made my own blanket and did not find it too difficult for the students,” said Lange.

“I brought up the idea of making these blankets to our Center Director, Angela Twin.” Twin liked the idea, but there was no money to purchase the material needed. The youth center staff had to hold a few fundraisers before they were able get materials for the project

Through their fundraising efforts, they made over \$700.

Once the money was available, Lange said she made several trips to the fabric store

to pick out a variety of prints and colors of materials.

“I think the youth got interested in the project because they got to choose the pattern and color of material they were going to work with,” said Lange.

Lange and other youth staff cut the material to the correct sizes for the blankets. Next, they assisted the youth with cutting the end fringes before tying the blanket edges.

“One of the older students registered with the youth services program to participate

in the project,” added Lange. Lilly Contreras assisted during the blanket making project.

“We are about 70% done with the blanket project and we plan to present them to the parents at our next family fun night on December 19,” said Lange.

“The blankets are made out of fleece material. We have 30 youth participating in the blanket making project.”



Aaliyah Decorah displays the fleece blanket she made for her parents.



Aaron Christjohn finished up the blanket he will give as a holiday gift.



Sofia Ciepluch works on her brown, paw print blanket.



Aaliyah Decorah, Leo Rivas, Tyler Christjohn and Tim Christjohn take a break after working on their blankets.

Sand Pillow Head Start holiday happenings

Submitted by Jernnifer Herrera, Sand Pillow Head Start/Puzaki Pei Cinak Head Start

Sand Pillow Head Start would like to say THANK YOU to the mobile clinic and the Ho-Chunk Clinic! Several of the students were able to take advantage of the mobile clinic to receive their well child checks. The mobile clinic is a great asset to the community.

Sand Pillow Head Start has had a busy holiday season thus far! We have had a wonderful Harvest Meal that we shared with our families on November 26th at the DICC

Center. We made turkey hats and we able to wear them to show our families what we do in school. The students speak and learn many Ho-Chunk words. They use them in school every day, so the language will continue on with future generations. We would like to thank to youth services for being so gracious to let us share the space in the DICC since you were so busy preparing food for their Family Night! THANKS!

We are currently getting prepared for our Winter Celebration. We are learning (Jingle Bells) or Masoso to sing to our families! It will

be an awesome time to share with all of the families of Head Start students. Lori Spaude, our 4-K teacher also is teaching us some fun songs that we plan to share with our families.

The students are learning so much at school. This month we are learning about the letters d and t and the number 7. We are learning the opposite of loud and quiet. The students are always working on sharing and listening skills. Head Start is important because the program’s services and resources are designed to foster stable family relationships, enhance children’s

physical and emotional well-being, and establish an environment to develop strong cognitive skills. The transition from preschool to elementary school imposes diverse developmental challenges that include requiring the children to engage successfully with their peers outside of the family network, adjust to the space of a classroom, and meet the expectations the school setting provides. http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Head_Start_Program Head Start gives students the chance to foster these strengths before going into kindergarten.



Rockman aims to help offenders get on the right track

Ken Luchterhand
Staff Writer

Denis Rockman’s got a new job with a new title.

He’s the Diversion Director, a newly-developed position working under Judge Jo Deen Lowe with the Ho-Chunk Nation Tribal Judiciary System.

He was hired on November 6 through a Transitional Alternative Diversion (TAD) grant. It’s a unique position in that it’s a partnership between the Ho-Chunk Nation and Jackson County.

“My job will be to divert Ho-Chunk members who have gotten their first DUI, been arrested for disorderly conduct or caused property damage,” Rockman said.

Right now, he’s working on developing programs for the court to help divert any deviant tendencies into behavior that is socially acceptable.

They are working on a criminal code and eventually the Ho-Chunk Nation’s judges will be able to try and prosecute for criminal prosecution.

Linda Flanders is the coordinator for the TAD program at Jackson County. The county’s drug court program has been suspended because of a lack of psychological counsel.

Rockman’s duties will be to get the offender off his or her pattern of behavior and onto the correct path of non-abuse on any level. To do so, Rock-

man believes a program called Compass, an evidence-based program, will become an integral part of his program.

But the Ho-Chunk Nation will need to get a Memorandum of Understanding with the Wisconsin Department of Corrections to be able to use the Compass program.

The Compass program is used to assess the offender’s needs and uses a physiological evaluation to help determine those needs. It also looks at what level of criminal activity and the possibility of recidivism to determine the correct treatment.

Rockman plans to attend a two-day training session in Madison to receive the proper instruction to participate in running the Compass program. He also hopes to visit the Menominee Nation to see how their Compass program is functioning. Menominee is one of two tribes in Wisconsin to have been using the program, having been involved since 2003.

The District Attorney will determine whether or not the offender is eligible for the program, based on the charges. The prosecutor will recommend the diversion program and the prosecutor and the judge will work together to make sure the offender gets the help he or she needs.

Along with that program,

the Ho-Chunk Nation offers the Family Wellness Court in which families can work out internal issues that affect their relationships and stability.

Rockman said he will be working wherever Ho-Chunk members are in need of his guidance.

For instance, Sauk County is working towards developing a drug court and a Family Wellness Court and Rockman is getting together with officials from that county.

He’s working with Criminal Justice Coordinator Janelle Krueger, director of the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council. Members of that group include Dr. Amy DeLong and Ted Hall of the Ho-Chunk House of Wellness in Baraboo.

One of the difficulties when dealing with jail populations is there is no way to identify members of specific tribes because there is no screening process for that identify factor. For instance, they know there are 23 Native Americans in the Sauk County Jail, however, no one knows how many of them are Ho-Chunk.

To help with that identification process, Rockman hopes to gain access to the Portal 100 program. That program will have all contact with an individual in its records.

“I will have a full understanding of a person to get



Diversion Director Denis Rockman is working toward adopting programs that will help offenders to develop a positive mindset that will encourage them to make good life choices.

that person into a diversion program,” Rockman said.

Rockman can offer his recommendation, but it’s up to the District Attorney to get that individual into a diversion program.

By enrolling into a diversion program, the criminal charges can be reduced or eliminated, he said.

The Department of Corrections will be coming to the Ho-Chunk Nation in January to give a presentation on the Compass program, which will also allow the Ho-Chunk Nation to begin its own program.

“I can’t believe we don’t have it already,” Rockman said.

Blackcoon attends new Labor Department program to gain employment

Ken Luchterhand
Staff Writer

Ashley Blackcoon has a new job and he’s tipping his hat to the Ho-Chunk Labor Department.

Not only did they train him for his new job, they also provided him with a job within the department.

He’s the new Occupational Safety and Health Officer for the Ho-Chunk Nation Labor Department.

“I’m grateful for the Labor Department taking the time to train me,” Blackcoon said.

His work consists of inspecting the Nation’s 62 facilities, filing the reports and sending them back to the facility. If any violations are found, they have 30 days to reply. A follow-up inspection is required to make sure the site is compliant. Also, he may get asked from time to time to sit in planning meetings to give advice from a safety perspective.

Blackcoon has tried to stay employed most of his adult life – all with the Ho-Chunk Nation and all hands-on work. He’s worked in the Ho-Chunk Department of National Resources, fire training and flagging work – marking trees to be harvested.

But then Labor Depart-

ment Project Manager John Steindorf recruited Ashley, offering him the ability to be employed and get training at the same time.

“The reason I approached him is that there is a Limited term trainee program through the 477 Program that allows him to work and receive on-the-job training,” Steindorf said.

He went through orientation, the training that included how to fill out paperwork and how to complete a resume to give him the skills to make him more employable, Steindorf said.

The Limited Term Trainee Initiative was the brainchild of Tina Boisen, Department of Labor director. The program is under the umbrella of the 477 Program.

The 477 Program provided the ability for Blackcoon to get the training and it pays a daily stipend up to five days per week.

“I learned really fast – did a lot of studying,” Blackcoon said. “I had to learn the federal OSHA codes and Ho-Chunk Nation ordinances.”

The position he was put into was part of the training he received, also it was a vacant position in the Department of Labor.



Several employees of the Ho-Chunk Nation Labor Department have worked to make the Limited Term Trainee Initiative program a positive experience for Ashley Blackcoon. Involved in the endeavor are (from left) Jeff Skinner, Lois Behrens, Blackcoon, Tina Boisen and John Steindorf.

“The vacancy was posted within the Nation. Ashley was one of two people who applied and he was offered the permanent position,” Steindorf said.

He is being mentored by Labor Department Occupational Safety and Health Officer Jeff Skinner. He also is attending training to further his knowledge in the field.

Lois Behrens is the federal programs director for the Ho-Chunk Nation who obtains the grants and oversees the program.

“I thought it was hard at first, but then I caught on quite easily,” Blackcoon said. “I like the field I’m in. I would like to move on further, such as becoming a trainer.”

“To get Ashley to be a

trainer – that will eventually happen,” Steindorf said.

With his training and subsequent employment, Blackcoon believes he is fortunate of how his career has developed.

“It comes easily and I like the work. The biggest part of employment is liking what you do,” he said.

Tribal members celebrate Ho-Chunk Day 2014

By Michelle Ramberg
OOP-Public Relations
Specialist

Known as “Black Friday” to many, the day after the Thanksgiving holiday has been recognized as Ho-Chunk Day. At first glance, the wealth of this official Ho-Chunk holiday seems to be its timing as many government workers see Thanksgiving and the Weekend either great “bookends” to have off or a great target for a 4-day weekend request.

The reality is this day, the true meaning and purpose, is

to celebrate who we are and where we’ve come from. It is not only a day of reflection but a day of celebration. In 2005 the Legislature codified into our official law the implementation of the Employee Relations Act recognizing Ho-Chunk Day as a nationwide holiday. The setting for the celebration isn’t a formal regimented event but is meant to be an inclusive day of activities that keep smiles on the faces of the membership. A place where we look upon each other as friends and family, not as government officials and employees.

It has been traditionally coordinated by folks from various offices and workers from the site of the host location, all of whom with one goal in mind, make sure everyone has a good time. This year’s event was coordinated by Samantha Bird, Presidential Aide, along with the rest of the Office of the President team. “To plan an event for our people to enjoy themselves and each other was worth all the time and effort spent on such a wonderful gathering of our people, I was honored to do this,” stated Bird.

This year, the Wisconsin Dells Singers opened up the



Office of the President, team that coordinated and worked the event.

event and kept participants entertained with the appropriate songs throughout the day whenever called upon. Our MC, Eric Logan may have locked himself into a permanent commitment with his sharp, witty Ho-Chunk humor and enthusiastic spirit he projected through the microphone.

Of course, the children were not forgotten as Presidential Staff coordinated youth activities some moms, dads, and grandparents could focus on their competitive bingo skills. For those who did not hold such mastery in bingo, the field was leveled through a series of raffle drawings that everyone was eligible for. It could be witnessed that even those who were not lucky enough to win a prize went home with a little something to remember and a great meal under the belt.

Ho-Chunk Day means a little something to everyone as well it should. We are from



Eric Logan served as Emcee for the event

different families, different locations, different clans, and different ways of life but on this day, we are all just Ho-Chunk and we gather together to celebrate our uniqueness together as one.



Youth winner of musical chairs



Raffle prizes



Gratefulness offered at annual Thanksgiving meal

Ken Luchterhand
Staff Writer

To offer gratitude for the many blessings we have been given, the employees of the Ho-Chunk Nation held a Thanksgiving meal on Wednesday, November 26 in the Executive Building. Serving up drinks (near photo, from left) are Autumn White, May Kay Miner and Tara Swallow. Dishing out the meat and potatoes are (far photo) Danee Walker, Andrea McCaskey, Arvina Martin and Linden Funmaker.



Holiday decorations spread yuletide cheer in the executive building

Kathleen Roberts
Staff Writer

The spirit of the holiday season came through the Ho-Chunk Nation's executive building front doors Thursday, December 4, in the form of a 15 foot Balsam fir. With the help of a hydraulic scissor lift, the maintenance crew delivered the freshly cut pine to the west end of the atrium. This was one of two trees purchased from the Hilliker Tree Farm near Tomah.

The first attempt to put up the large Christmas tree was unsuccessful. The crew tried to use a lightweight, plastic tree stand, but the tree was too much for the conventional stand. The crew got the tree to a standing position, but it went down faster than it went up. Some loose branches fell off and covered the atrium floor.

Tina Boisen, Executive Director of the Labor Department, picked up one of the branches. "This has such a nice scent," she said.

The maintenance crew designed a custom wooden base for the enormous pine tree to stand through the holiday season.

"We're all going to take part in getting the trees and deco-

rations up in the building," said Jeff Harrison, Ho-Chunk Nation General Manager of Facilities/Maintenance. As Harrison was describing the holiday decorations and the maintenance crew's teamwork, Maintenance Supervisor Bobbi Jo Gray announced that poinsettias were ordered and will arrive from Falls Floral in Black River Falls.

A second 15 foot tree, a Fraser fir, was brought to the east end of the atrium. Several employees commented that the tree looked like Charlie

Brown's Christmas tree. It was not as full as the tree at the other end of the atrium. The giant Fraser fir was put up and decorated for the holiday.

The maintenance crew worked steadily to get the trees and other holiday decorations in place at the executive building. Employees were encouraged to participate in decorating the trees.

"The trees will be in the atrium through January 4, 2015," said Harrison.



The maintenance crew prepares the Fraser fir for the holidays



Jeff Skinner observes as Betty Krause and Theodore Yellowcloud put the finishing touches on the Christmas tree at the east end of the atrium.

Ho-Chunk Woga on its way to brighten spirits of Christmas

Ken Luchterhand
Staff Writer

Christmas is a time of giving, of families and good times.

To make that Christmas morning a little brighter for underprivileged children, employees of Ho-Chunk Social Services are doing their best.

They've collected presents to be delivered to children in an annual program called Ho-Chunk Woga.

"They are ready to be delivered before Christmas," said Jacqueline Moen-Kadec, one of the organizers of the project.

Because of Ho-Chunk Woga, Social Services staff will be delivering 100 gifts this year to children and young adults who are ages 0-22. The children receiving the gifts are those who have received services through Ho-Chunk Social Services.

The gifts come to Social Services from a variety of ways. The first is that people will take "tags." A tag will have the gender and the age of a child written on it, to which the donor purchases a present in the price range of \$20 to \$25.

Kristin Narva, Lori Stell-flue, Liza Deer and Lisa Lockemy set up the tables with the donation tags. There were 60 tags at the Tribal Of-

fice Building in Black River Falls and 30 tags at the House of Wellness in Baraboo.

Another way to help with the project is to donate money directly to Ho-Chunk Woga.

"We have had significant, much appreciated, donations from tribal members," said HCN Child and Family Services Director Valerie Blackdeer.

"Every year we are amazed at the results," Moen-Kadec said. "Different departments pooled their money together and we received some significant community donations."

Lisa Bargender, Leah Wineshiek and Barbara Goodbear of Social Services has been the contact person for the Wisconsin Dells area and she has been great in getting people to take the tags and donate the gifts. Presents are brought to Black River Falls where they can be prepared for distribution.

"It's been great. People have been really generous this year," Moen-Kadec said.

The presents should arrive at homes of children sometime during the week up to the day of Christmas.

HCN Social Services has received some inquiries about how children can get on the list to receive Christmas gifts. Unfortunately, if the child hasn't received services



Helping to make spirits bright, employees of Ho-Chunk Nation Social Services are gathering Christmas presents and getting them ready for delivery. Some of the helpers are (back row, from left) Chad Blackdeer, Francis Steindorf, Andrea Anderson, Heidi Arbuckle, Kellie Murphy, Lori Grimm, Charity Thunder, Angela Smith, Desiree Gearing-Lancaster, Lara Simons, Linda Pomeroy, Diane Elvaker, Luann Krpata, Nyree Kedrowski, Carolyn Blackdeer, and (in front) Tasha Goodbear.

from Social Services, they don't qualify. However, many communities have their own programs, such as "Project Christmas" in Black River Falls in which the children

may be able to receive donated gifts, she said.

Packer tickets, provided by the Gilbert Brown Foundation, were originally won in a raffle by Greg Blackdeer, but

he donated them to the Hocak Woga. Those tickets were subsequently raffled, with the proceeds going toward Woga.

Ho-Chunk Gaming-Black River Falls presents Holiday Concert

Kathleen Roberts
Staff Writer

The Holiday Concert held on December 7 at Ho-Chunk Gaming-Black River Falls bingo hall not only brought familiar music to the audience, it also benefitted the Friends Sharing Food program.

The performances featured Patsy Cline, Nat King Cole, Elton John and Elvis Presley impersonators.

Elaine Wesley, or Patsy Cline on this night, began the show with an introduction and welcome. Then she began performing Patsy Cline songs, such as: Bill Bailey, I Fall to Pieces, Blue Moon, She's Got You, and Crazy. Wesley also sang Rockin' around the Christmas tree to add a touch of Christmas.

Nat King Cole's classic songs were performed by Robin Adkins of Milwaukee. Adkins sang: Unforgettable, Ramblin' Rose. For the holiday, he sang the Christmas Song, chestnuts roasting on an open fire.

"The two words, Merry Christmas are my favorite words," said Adkins. "These words make me very happy." Adkins asked the audience to say, Merry Christmas. "I can't hear you," he said. The audience said the words. "I can't hear you," he said again. "You can do better than that."

The audience responded to Adkins as he spoke to them. The showroom seemed to buzz with holiday cheer as they answered back to him.

Brian Harris, from Green Bay, sang Elton John's popular hits. He started his musical segment with the tune Philadelphia Freedom.

Harris told the audience about his other musical project, he has a program called Simply Elton. He advertises for bookings on his website

under the same name and on Facebook.

Before he started the next song, Harris asked the audience if they could identify the song by the first notes. He struck the piano keys for the first chord, immediately the audience shouted out, Benny and the Jets.

His arrangement of the famous tune was unique and very animated. At one point, Harris actually stood up while playing the piano. The song was filled with strong, percussive notes and keyboard runs.

"My finger pads hurt now," he said after he finished the boisterous song.

Harris played the piano and sang Crocodile Rock and Rocket Man. The audience sang along with him during the chorus.

A highlight for the Christmas season was when he played his versions of how other famous composers and musicians would've played, Jingle Bells. He started out with the musical flare of how Mozart, Chopin and Beethoven would have played the song. "If Beethoven was

to play Jingle Bells," said Harris, "He would have played it in a darker tone."

Harris asked the audience if they could think of an animated character that plays the piano. He was referring to the Peanuts cartoons with Schroeder playing the piano with his own special style.

The next style of Jingle Bells included a Scott Joplin version and a fully orchestrated version by Duke Ellington. The final style of the way another musician may arrange and play the familiar holiday tune was how Jerry Lee Lewis would play the song.

"I worked on the entire idea and arrangement during one afternoon," said Harris. "In 1981, the Army Band I played with needed something more for a Christmas concert. I came up with this assortment of Jingle Bells arrangements. Tonight was the first night I have ever used the songs for our show."

Ending the 2 hour show with a special flare was Garry Wesley who is the producer of the Holiday Concert celebrity program. "Every one of us are friends first, it makes for a great show," said Wesley.

Wesley, who is an Elvis Presley look-alike, made his stage entrance while singing CC Rider. From that song on, the song built up and continued to build up; the audience cheered and clapped their hands during certain physical movements Wesley provided. Other songs performed by Wesley included: Burnin' Love and Suspicious Minds.

During the song, Suspicious Minds, instead of the regular lyrics being sung, 'because I love you too much baby,' Wesley sang, 'I hope this suit don't tear up baby.' As he sang his own lyrics he was dropping down into a deep knee bend. And as Presley was noted for doing, Wesley handed out neck scarves; many of the lady audience members hurried up to the stage to receive a scarf.

Also from the archives of Elvis music, Wesley sang, Blue Christmas. His voice filled the showroom with the holiday song.

His final song was an emotional medley of patriotic songs. He asked for all veterans to please stand and be recognized. As he sang, the audience intently covered their hearts, as for the Pledge of Allegiance and one audience member held a military salute throughout the entire medley.

The four impersonators ended the evening's show singing a Christmas song as a group. They took their final bow and invited the audience to visit with them at the tables set up at the back of the showroom.

Audience members purchased music, pictures, Elvis blankets, and received autographs. Many adult children assisted their older parents to help them get to visit with the performers.



Elvis look alike Garry Wesley, performs at Ho-Chunk Gaming-Black River Falls bingo hall, December 7.



Nat King Cole, portrayed by Robin Adkins, sparks up the holiday spirit with the "Christmas Song."



The audience stands and salutes the Holiday Concert performance of Elvis singing patriotic songs.



The Holiday Concert performers sign autographs and visit with audience member Margie Sanchez.



Elaine Wesley sings Patsy Cline's chart breaking song "Crazy."



Brian Harris sings "Rocket Man," along with a full spectrum of Elton John's popular songs at the Holiday Concert, December 7, 2014.

Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature creating Criminal Code

Submitted by Arvina Martin
Chief Communications
Officer, HC Legislature

In 2010, President Barack Obama signed the Tribal Law and Order Act into law. After years of study, and consultation between Eric Holder and the U.S. Department of Justice, and Tribes across the country, this Act was created to help address the disproportionate rate of violence occurring in tribal communities. The result is a new set of tools for tribes and law enforcement to address and adjudicate crime within their own

communities.

One of the Act’s major provisions is an expansion of Tribal Courts punitive abilities. The law allows tribal courts operating in Indian Country to increase jail sentences handed down in criminal cases.

Since that time, The Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature has worked diligently towards creating a Criminal Code under tribal law. This Taskforce has created a draft Criminal Code to will be placed out for 45 Day Public Comment, pending Legislative approval.

The comment period will be announced online, on the HCN Legislature’s Facebook page, as well as the Ho-Chunk Nation webpage. The Legislative Office will also be presenting information on the Criminal Code at all area meetings in January.

The Legislature encourages all tribal members to learn about the proposed Criminal Code and submit their comments, whether they are submitted in person, online, over the phone or by mail. Any comments submitted with names will be entered into a



drawing for prizes.

The creation of the Ho-Chunk Nation Criminal Code is a big step towards our continued self-governance and sovereignty. Your input is

valued and very much needed to make this code the best it can be. Please use your voice to help protect the Ho-Chunk community.

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Case : CV 14-12

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT(S): Brent Funmaker

You are hereby informed that you have been named a defendant in the above-entitled civil lawsuit. This legal notice of the *Complaint* is now served upon you by publication. Your written *Answer* to the *Complaint* must be filed with the Court on or before the twentieth day from the date of the published issuance of this *Summons* in . See *Ho-Chunk Nation Rules of Civil Procedure*, Rules 5(C)(1)(f), 6(A). Also, you must send or present a copy of your *Answer* to the opposing party listed above or to their attorney of record and provide the Court with a *Certificate of Service*. Failure to file a timely *Answer* in the time allowed **can result in a default judgment being entered against you.** *Id.*, Rule 54.

The Trial Court is physically located at Wa Ehi Hocira, W9598 Highway 54 East, Black River Falls, (Jackson County) Wisconsin. The Trial Court’s mailing address is P. O. Box 70, Black River Falls, WI 54615. The telephone number is (715) 284-2722, or toll free 800-434-4070, and the facsimile number is (715) 284-3136.

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**In the Interest of Minor : A.F., DOB 06/18/2011
J.F., DOB 11/15/2007
R.F., DOB 06/25/2006
Case : JV 12-13
JV 12-14
JV 12-15**

TO THE PARENT, GUARDIAN, LEGAL OR PHYSICAL CUSTODIAN AND/OR TRADITIONAL RELATIVE(S): Meagan Martinez

You are hereby informed that you have been deemed an interested party in the above-entitled guardianship case. This legal notice of the filed *Petition for* is now served upon you by publication. A proceeding concerning the above-named is pending in the Court, and an adjudication will be made. The Court shall convene an *Guardianship Hearing* in accordance with HOCĀK NATION THIRD PARTY GUARDIANSHIP ACT, Para. 11.13a. Any parent(s), guardian(s) and/or person(s) having legal or physical custody of the must appear along with the at the *Hearing* described below.

The Court shall commence a proceeding at **1:00pm** on the **15th** day of **December 2014** for the following purpose: ***Guardianship Hearing.*** Parties may seek to appear by telephone by submitting a written request and accompanying *Certificate of Service* to the presiding judge. See *Ho-Chunk Nation Rules of Civil Procedure*, Rule 5(B). Pursuant to HOCĀK NATION THIRD PARTY GUARDIANSHIP ACT, Para. 11.13c, the parties have a right to counsel at their own expense; a right to confront and cross-examine those appearing against them; a right to present and subpoena witnesses; a right to substitution of judge; and a right to a jury trial.

NOTICE – VIOLATION OF THIS ORDER IS SUBJECT TO PROCEEDINGS FOR CONTEMPT OF COURT. SUBPOENAS: ‘THE FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH A SUBPOENA SHALL SUBJECT THE PERSON FAILING TO COMPLY TO THE CONTEMPT POWER OF THE COURT.’ THE COURT MAY FIND ANY PARTY TO THIS MATTER IN CONTEMPT OF COURT FOR FAILURE TO APPEAR AT A COURT HEARING OR FOR FAILURE TO FOLLOW COURT ORDERS.

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**In the Interest of Minor : C.N.C, DOB 10/12/2013
Case : PA 14-03**

TO THE NATURAL MOTHER, POTENTIAL FATHER, GUARDIAN, HO-CHUNK NATION CHILD SUPPORT AGENCY, OR ADULT CHILD WHOSE PATERNITY WAS NEVER ESTABLISHED: David O. Cleveland

You are hereby informed that you have been deemed an interested party in this paternity action. This legal notice of the filed *Petition for Paternity* is now served upon you by publication. A proceeding concerning the above-named child is pending in the Ho-Chunk Nation Trial Court, and an adjudication will be made.

You have twenty (20) days from the date of the second publication to respond to the *Petition for Paternity*, failure to do so will cause the Court to proceed without your participation. An *Answer* (response) shall be filed with the court at the address given below. The Court shall convene a *Paternity Hearing* in accordance with HOCĀK NATION CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT CODE 4 HCC § 7.19.

The Court shall commence a proceeding at **8:30am** on the **13th** day of **January 2014** for the following purpose: ***Paternity Hearing.*** Pursuant to HOCĀK NATION CHILDREN AND FAMILY ACT, Para. 3.35, the parties have a right to counsel at their own expense; a right to confront and cross-examine those appearing against them; a right to present and subpoena witnesses; a right to substitution of judge; and a right to a jury trial. You have additionally been provided a “Notice to Respondent” that sets forth your right and defenses and provides notice of the potential of being held in contempt of court:

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Ho-Chunk Gaming Nekoosa donates \$2,000 to ASPIRUS/ Festival of Trees

Representatives from Ho-Chunk Gaming Nekoosa met with representatives from ASPIRUS Festival of Trees for a check presentation on Tuesday, November 25, 2014 at the Opening Night Gala in Rothschild, WI. The money raised at this year's Festival of Trees will go to support ASPIRUS's Comfort Care and Hospice Services Hospice House.

Christie Terkelson, Aspirus Health Foundation, stated, "The Aspirus Health Foundation is pleased to announce that this year's Festival of Trees event to benefit Aspirus Comfort Care and Hospice Services (ACCHS) was a success due to incredible community support! Thousands of guests attended the Festival of Trees during the week of Thanksgiving at Stoney Creek Inn in Rothschild. Guests viewed 145 holiday trees, wreaths, mantels, and spe-

cialty items that were donated by businesses and people in our community for raffle or silent auction. Our fundraising goal was \$160,000, and we are proud to announce that \$163,000 was raised. Proceeds will support two community bedrooms at Aspirus Hospice House for patients with limited ability to pay. Aside from the fundraising, one of the greatest successes (which was evident in the stories shared at the event) is the positive and lasting impact that our hospice program has on the lives of patients and families in our region. We can all be very proud of the compassionate, high-quality end-of-life care provided at Aspirus. We can be equally proud of the difference we make in people's lives through the Festival of Trees in partnership with our community."



L-R: Mary Schill/Ho-Chunk Gaming Nekoosa, Laura Pearson/Director-Hospice Services, Margaret Donnelly/Vice President-Post Acute Care, Lynette LeGarde/Ho-Chunk Gaming Nekoosa, Kalynn Pempek/Executive Director-Aspirus Health Foundation & Volunteer Services.



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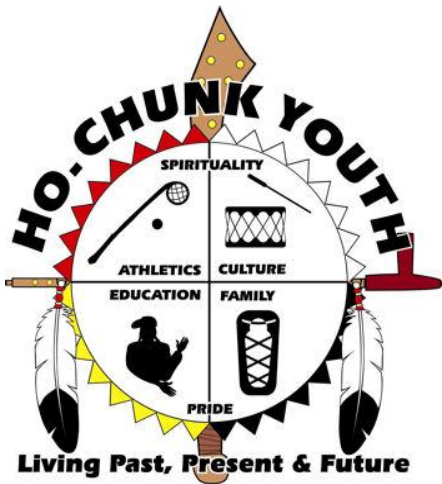
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TOMAH AREA
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The Tomah Area School District will hold two public hearings during one meeting time scheduled for Tuesday, December 16, 2014, at the Perkins Restaurant Town Hall Room in Tomah, Wisconsin. The Title VII meeting will begin at 5:00 PM.

The first part of the meeting will allow parents of Native American children the opportunity to provide input concerning Public Law 81-874. The second part of the meeting will inform parents of the needs assessment process for the district's 2015-2016 Title VII Application of the Indian Education Act. In addition, parents will participate in a discussion of the application's provisions and be allowed to provide suggestions regarding the application.

Priscilla Cleveland
Title VII Indian Coordinator-Teacher
Tomah Area School District



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Application
Closeout Deadline

Students who submitted Ho-Chunk Scholarship Applications for fall 2014, but **did not** submit all forms to receive funding must do so by **the last day of their school's term**. Application materials for fall 2014 will NOT be accepted after the close out deadline.

Please note: 2014-15 Ho-Chunk Scholarship Applications are valid for the entire academic year (excluding summers). Therefore, if a student submitted a 2014-15 HSA and did not receive funding in fall 2014, the application IS STILL VALID for spring 2015.

The families of Violet Sam and LaVonne Lincoln would like to express our gratitude to the many relatives and friends who supported and comforted us during our recent and significant losses. Your prayers and words of encouragement were uplifting and continue to give us strength.

Violet Arvilla Sam, Wakaskaiga, of Augusta, Wis., walked on to the Next Life on November 9, 2014 at the age of 83. She was born February 16, 1931 in Perkins, Okla., and was the third daughter of Lee Sam, a World War I Ho-Chunk veteran. Through her quiet and gentle manner she devoted much of her life to helping others, as a live-in housekeeper and caregiver to the elderly and young children. She was also an artisan and was known for her beadwork.

We wish to thank the family of Morgan WhiteEagle for helping us through the first few days following her passing. We are especially grateful to Marcus WhiteEagle for taking care of the funeral meeting and services in a manner that befits a Ho-Chunk elder, and to all those who helped him. We are grateful to the Wisconsin Dells area chapter for sponsoring devotions and to Lance Long for taking charge of those devotional services. A special thank you to the women relatives who cooked for us; and to Kim Lonetree and Tamara Scoles for helping our Nani/Gaga Violet prepare for her journey, and to Joy Littlejohn and Susette LaMere for staying by her throughout the funeral services. We appreciate all those who waited on us and came to spend time with us. Every expression of sympathy was felt by our family and lightened our hearts.



LaVonne Joyce Lincoln, Wiragusgeiga, of Stoughton, Wis., entered the Spirit World on November 30, 2014 at the age of 61. She was born November 26, 1953 in Black River Falls, Wis. She was the hinake of David Lincoln Jr. and Ruby Lincoln. LaVonne was an artist and craftsperson who loved music and played the guitar. She brought much joy to those who knew her through her kindness and good-natured wit and humor.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to Stuart “KT” Lonetree for taking care of LaVonne’s funeral services as well as the devotions sponsored by the Wisconsin Dells area chapter. Our family was still mourning the passing of our Nani/Kunika Violet when LaVonne left us suddenly and unexpectedly. Through the sincere prayers offered by KT, his helpers, and our relatives and friends near and far, our family was uplifted and able to let her spirit go with praise and thanksgiving to God Almighty. We could also feel the love and good feelings extended to us in many ways – through songs, talks, personal conversations, phone calls, messages of condolences, flowers, cards, special gifts and just by your presence. Thanks to the women relatives who cooked and whose delicious food strengthened us; and to Alberta Decorah and Tamara Scoles and Susette LaMere for dressing her and staying beside her during the prayer service. We also give a very huge thank-you to the Tomah area for sponsoring a wonderful meal at Bluewing after the burial. Many of us felt the warmth and fellowship of days long ago when our parents and grandparents gathered and shared meals in the community.

Thanks to everyone for your prayers for our family. May the Creator bless you all this holiday season.

With love and gratitude,

The families of Wakaskaiga and Wiragusgeiga



District III Meeting Notice:



Wittenberg Area Meeting

Monday December 15, 2014 6:00pm
POCHEENUNK –WITTENBERG, WI

WI Dells Area Meeting

Tuesday December 16, 2014 6:00pm
INDIAN HEIGHTS COMMUNITY BUILDING – WISCONSIN DELLS, WI

Nekoosa Area Meeting

Wednesday December 17, 2014 6:00pm
CHAKH-HAH-CHEE COMMUNITY BUILDING

Green Bay Area Meeting

Thursday December 18, 2014 6:00pm
1047 S. 9TH ST, GREEN BAY, WI

NOTICE: Legislative Criminal Code Workgroup

Tomah HHCD

December 16, 2014
10:00am

Hindsley featured in Alabama news: Powwow evolves to Thanksgiving tradition

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For Sam Proctor, an annual Thanksgiving visit to the Poarch community is a family reunion.

It's a similar gathering to many other Thanksgiving celebrations throughout the United States - family, food and fellowship. This one, however, is with a traditional twist involving ceremonial dancing, competition and a celebration of the Native American heritage.

"The reason I started going to this is because some of the older generation here are blood kin to us," said Proctor, a tribal elder with the Muscogee Creek Nation of Okmulgee, Okla. "It started off as a family reunion because so many of us are scattered (around the U.S.)."

But what started 44 years ago as a simple gathering in Poarch has blossomed into a Thanksgiving tradition for not only the 20 or so tribal nations represented during the annual dance competition, but also for Alabama residents who come for the roasted corn on the cob, Buffalo burgers, merchant tents and family-friendly fun.

"I think, for me, it's people being interested in Native American culture and wanting to see that," said Raymond Rolin, a coordinator of the annual two-day event that occurs on Thanksgiving and the Friday after the holiday. "It's a part of a lot of people's Thanksgiving tradition to

come out and be with us. They have their turkey dinners and then come out to the Pow Wow and relax."

Rolin has attended all 44 Pow Wow events. The first year drew 300 to 400 people, but as the nearby Poarch Creek Indian Casino grew in popularity, so did the event.

This year, an estimated 10,000 to 12,000 people attended Thursday's activities. Another 5,000 to 6,000 people were expected at the Friday event that is highlighted with an afternoon of dance competitions.

Some of the competitions come with lucrative winnings. Some of the adult fancy dancing events come with rewards that are in the thousands of dollars.

For Angel Bullock, 17, a member of the Alabama-Coushatta Nation in Texas, the teen boy fancy dance category came with the potential of winning \$400.

Spurred on by beating drums, Bullock aimed at the winning and prestige. He said he felt confident he could win.

Among the winners was Gabriella McGhee of Poarch. The 14-year-old won the junior princess competition - similar to a teenage pageant - and with it, a cash prize and a year-long assignment of representing the Poarch Band of Creek Indians for the next 12 months. She also won a silver crown, a trophy, shawl, among other items.

"This is what Thanksgiving has meant to us all our life," Stephen McGhee, her father, said.

Competition aside, the Pow



Vickie Hindsley of the Ho-Chunk Nation of Wisconsin, oversees her family's jewelry stand while her niece, Rochelle Mann, is at work making jewelry on Friday, Nov. 28, 2014, during the 44th annual Thanksgiving Pow Wow in the Poarch community of Alabama.

Wow and its \$5 entry allowed families throughout the area a chance to better understand Native American customs while eating some tasty treats.

The roasted corn, a Pow Wow tradition, was a popular draw.

Emma Thompson, 14, of Wilmer, was munching away on the corn that is imported each year from California. This year, 75 cases of 50 ears of corn were brought to Poarch to feed the hungry crowd.

"This is our first time here and we're really enjoying it," Denise Robinson, Thompson's mother, said. "The whole atmosphere ... it's really neat."

Merchant tents were also a draw during the two-day event. Vickie Hindsley, Patricia Eagleman and Rochelle Mann - all members of the Ho-Chunk Nation of Wisconsin - sold homemade jewelry and scarves, which were a popular item during a chilly Thursday evening.

"We didn't think our scarves would go because it's never cold here," said Hindsley, a Wisconsin Dells resident. "But last night, we sold 30 scarves because it was so cold. We're doing very, very good."

Pony rides, children amusements and lessons from a blacksmith were also part of the attractions.

"I tell them a horseshoe has the attention span of a fifth-grader," Marvin Gardner, a blacksmith storyteller, said while Kason Haddock of Vernon, Fla., assisted him. "While they are cranking (the horseshoe maker), I tell them as much blacksmith history as possible."

He added, "The horseshoe is a one-of-a-kind thing. Just like them. It's one-of-a-kind."

The original story and additional photos can be found at the following link: http://www.al.com/news/mobile/index.ssf/2014/11/pow_wow_evolution_from_simple_ga.html



Patricia Eagleman and Vickie Hindsley, of the Ho-Chunk Nation of Wisconsin, pose together near their homemade jewelry stand on Friday, Nov. 28, 2014, during the 44th annual Thanksgiving Pow Wow in the Poarch community of Alabama.



Rochelle Mann of the Wisconsin Dells in Wisconsin is busy at work making jewelry on Friday, Nov. 28, 2014, during the 44th annual Thanksgiving Pow Wow in the Poarch community of Alabama.

